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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. Receipt and entry of the reply filed on August 1, 2002 is hereby acknowledged.
2. Nevertheless, the reply filed on August 1, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): it appears to be incomplete. The aforementioned reply begins with "This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows." However, only an election and NO amendment follows. The response to the instant Office communication should be a supplemental amendment or reply, and NOT a substitute for the reply already filed on August 1, 2002.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cirim, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Cirim may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number is (703) 305-3463.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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